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a carrier consisting of two endless band packages (5, 6) lying side by side, on which transverse elements (4) are disposed, wherein each transverse element (4) includes two recesses (7, 8) positioned opposite each other for receiving the band packages (5, 6), so that a first part (11) of the transverse element (4) extends under said band packages (5, 6), a second part (12) of the transverse element (4) is positioned between said band packages (5, 6) and a third part (13) of the transverse element (4) extends above said band packages (5, 6), wherein the front side of the transverse element (4) includes a tilting line (18) extending in a horizontal direction and forming a transition between a part of the element at least including said third part (13) that has a substantially constant thickness as seen in side elevation and a further part of the element wherein said thickness tapers in downward direction away from the tilting line (18) and a projection (14) which can mate with a recess (15) in the adjacent transverse element (4),

wherein said projection (14) extends in horizontal direction, and wherein the rear side of the transverse element includes a recess (15) which likewise extends in horizontal direction,

wherein said projection (14) and said recess (15) are at least partially formed in the second part of the transverse element (4) and,

wherein said projection (14) is disposed some distance above the tilting line (18), which distance is smaller than the smallest vertical dimension (A) of the recess (7, 8).--

--2. (amended) A driving belt according to claim 1, characterised in that said projection (14) and said recess (15) are entirely located in the second part (12) of the transverse element (4).--

CANCEL claim 3. ✓

CANCEL claim 5. ✓

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--6. (twice amended) A driving belt according to claim 1, characterised in that a surface of the projection (14) and of the recess (15) comprises parts (16, 17) which extend at an angle to a horizontal line in the plane in which the band packages (5, 6) lie.--

CANCEL claim 7. ✓

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--9. (twice amended) A driving belt according to claim 1, characterised in that edges of the transverse element (4) are deburred.--

C 10. (amended) A transverse element for use in a driving belt, comprising:

B6 two recesses (7, 8) positioned opposite each other for receiving band packages (5, 6), so that a first part (11) of the transverse element (4) extends under said band packages (5, 6), a second part (12) of the transverse element (4) is positioned between said band packages (5, 6) and a third part (13) of the transverse element (4) extends above said band packages (5, 6), wherein the front side of the transverse element (4) includes a tilting line (18) extending in a horizontal direction and forming a transition between a part of the element at least including said third part (13) that has a substantially constant thickness as seen in side elevation and a further part of the element wherein said thickness tapers in downward direction away from the tilting line (18) and a projection (14) which can mate with a recess (15) in the adjacent transverse element (4),

wherein said projection (14) extends in horizontal direction, and wherein the rear side of the transverse element (4) includes a recess (15) which likewise extends in horizontal direction,

wherein said projection (14) and said recess (15) are at least partially formed in the second part of the transverse element (4) and,

wherein said projection (14) is disposed some distance above the tilting line (18), which distance is smaller than the smallest vertical dimension (A) of the recess (7, 8).--